

# Carlton Fields Adds Experienced Appellate Attorney David A. Karp

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Miami, Fla. – Carlton Fields is pleased to welcome David A. Karp, an experienced appellate attorney and former journalist. Karp will work from Carlton Fields' Miami and Tampa offices as a member of the firm's Appellate Practice and Trial Support practice group.

“David’s skills as an appellate lawyer and his background in media will further strengthen our team of First Amendment attorneys,” said Richard J. Ovelmen, who co-chairs the firm’s Appellate Practice and Trial Support practice group along with Sylvia H. Walbolt. “We are thrilled that David is joining the firm.”

Karp argues appeals in federal and state courts, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Florida Supreme Court, and Florida’s district courts of appeal. He also has significant experience representing corporations in class actions and complex commercial litigation at the trial level.

Karp’s approach to appellate advocacy is bolstered by his experience as a former investigative journalist at the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* (now *Tampa Bay Times*) through which he gained a unique ability to uncover facts and to craft a compelling story. His work has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, and *Best Newspaper Writing*. Karp authored a *Florida Law Review* article entitled, “Why Justice Thomas Should Speak at Oral Argument,” which has been cited by several publications, including *Vanity Fair*.

Walbolt, a distinguished Florida Bar board-certified appellate attorney and former president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, added: “David’s unique skillset make him an ideal addition to our team. Our clients will benefit greatly from his specialized knowledge and experience.”

Karp shared, “Carlton Fields is known as a firm that values excellent writing as a key facet of appellate advocacy. The firm is a great fit for my practice, and I look forward to working with a group

of exceptionally talented and successful lawyers whom I have respected for a long time."

After law school, Karp clerked for Senior U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bucklew. Karp earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and his B.A. in history from Yale University.

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